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### INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference <b>CM2199M2/JB</b>	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b>		See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
International application No. <b>PCT/US00/26975</b>	International filing date (day/month/year) <b>29/09/2000</b>	Priority date (day/month/year) <b>01/10/1999</b>	
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC <b>C09B62/78</b>			
Applicant <b>THE PROCTER &amp; GAMBLE COMPANY et al.</b>			

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.



2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☒ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand  <b>05/02/2001</b>	Date of completion of this report  <b>15.01.2002</b>
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International application No. PCT/US00/26975

## I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):  
**Description, pages:**

1-34 as originally filed

### **Claims, No.:**

1-30 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:
- ☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

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*(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)*

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-30
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-30
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-30
	No:	Claims	

**2. Citations and explanations**  
**see separate sheet**

**VII. Certain defects in the international application**

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:  
**see separate sheet**

**VIII. Certain observations on the international application**

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:  
**see separate sheet**

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V.1. Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: GB -A- 1 275 944

D2: US -A- 5 877 310

V.2. Claims 1-30 seem to fulfill the requirements of Article 33(1) PCT.

V.2.1. No novelty destroying documents could be disclosed. Claims 1-30 are therefore novel in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

V.2.2. Claims 1-30 seem to involve an inventive step, thereby fulfilling the requirements of Article 33(3).

V.2.2.1. D1 discloses reactive dyes bearing chloro triazinyl residues, which are linked to the sugar moieties of an amylose molecule. The purpose of the authors of D1 is to create a method of determining the alpha-amylase activity of a material. D1 does not suggest dyestuffs with SO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> groups linked to hydrated ketons or aldehyds, sugars etc. The problem underlying the application can be formulated as: 'finding new reactive dyes for dyeing OH- resp. NH- groups containing fibers with improved general application properties' (see description on page 2).

As the problems are different and no hint to use SO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub> groups as a link between the hemiacetal and the chromophore are mentioned in D1, claims 1, 10, 13 and 14 of the current application involve also an inventive step.

This can be stated also for compositions comprising such compounds (claims 26-30), for the use (claims 15-20) as well as for the process to prepare the claimed compounds (claims 21-24; as well as the product by process claim 25).

VII. Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the documents D1 and D2 is not mentioned in the description, nor are these documents identified therein.

VIII.1. Claim 10 is not clear. The group Q<sup>+</sup> is not defined. Thereby Q<sup>+</sup> seems not to be defined in the whole description.

VIII.2. All the technical features defined in independent claims 10, 13 and 14 are

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covered by claim 1; they are not written as dependent claims referring to claim 1.

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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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International application No. <b>PCT/US 00/ 26975</b>	International filing date (day/month/year) <b>29/09/2000</b>	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) <b>01/10/1999</b>
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This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 2 sheets.



It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

## 1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.



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2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

as suggested by the applicant.



because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.



because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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☐ None of the figures.

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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A	US 5 877 310 A (REDDINGTON MARK V ET AL) 2 March 1999 (1999-03-02) abstract; figures	1, 21, 26
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